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For: VARIABLE BIT RATE DIGITAL CIRCUIT MULTIPLICATION EQUIPMENT
WITH TANDEM PASSTHROUGH FUNCTION

Enclosed are:

X A specification consisting of 60 pages

X 15 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings

X An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee

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 Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27

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